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1. FOR PHNOM PENH, SAIGON, VIENTIANE: US GOVERNMENT THROUGH AID IS CONSIDERING GRANT OF UP TO \$2 MILLION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) FOR INDO-CHINA OPERATIONAL GROUP (IOG). GRANT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO ONE MADE TO ICRC/IOG FOR CAMBODIA WITH MODIFICATIONS FOR USE IN ALL INDOCHINA COUNTRIES EXCEPT NORTH VIETNAM. (UNDER PRESENT RESTRAINTS AID FUNDS CANNOT BE USED IN NORTH VIETNAM.) (TEXT OF PRESENT GRANT IS IN SEPTEL. SEE PARA 4 BELOW FOR UNDERSTANDING WITH IOG ON USE OF FUNDS.)

2. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THIS PROPOSED GRANT: (A) ACCEPTABILITY TO THE HOST COUNTRY, (B) CAPACITIES OF ICRC/IOG TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM, (C) LEVELS AND TIME PERIOD OF GRANT, (D) CONSTRAINTS OR LIMITATIONS, IF ANY, ON USE OF GRANT, AND (E) COORDINATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OF ICRC/IOG ACTIVITIES TO FACILITATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND TO AVOID DUPLICATION.

3. FOR GENEVA: (A) PLEASE OBTAIN AND PROVIDE LATEST INFORMATION ON CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM AND COMMITTED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND DONORS. (B) WE ARE NOT CLEAR ON STRUCTURE OF IOG AND BELIEVE IT STILL WOULD BE NECESSARY TO GIVE GRANT TO ICRC FOR IOG. PLEASE COMMENT. (C) AID COULD UNDERTAKE TO FUNNEL FUNDS THROUGH AMERICAN RED CROSS, IF IOG DESIRES, BUT THIS MORE TIME CONSUMING PROCESS NOT YET EXPLORED WITH ARC.

4. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON WHETHER FOLLOWING LANGUAGE (REVISED TO COVER PATHET LAO, PRG, DRV, ETC.) WOULD ADEQUATELY PROTECT US GOVERNMENT'S INTERESTS: UNDERSTANDING ON USE OF FUNDS IN PRESENT ICRC/IOG FOR CAMBODIA: "ICRC SHOULD UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT ALTHOUGH USG GRANT IS UNRESTRICTED AS TO THE LOCATION OF WAR VICTIMS TO BE AIDED IN CAMBODIA, THE GRANT IS TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USED FOR (A) CIVILIAN WAR VICTIMS, REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AS OPPOSED TO COMBATANTS; AND (B) NO FUNDS FROM THIS GRANT MAY BE CHanneled TO OR THROUGH GRUNK OR OTHER COMMUNIST GROUPS CLAIMING POLITICAL OR MILITARY AUTHORITY WITHIN CAMBODIA OR THEIR AFFILIATES, INCLUDING THEIR RED CROSSES." ROGERS

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